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Campsite Fee Increase For Lower Deschutes

PRINEVILLE, OR--Campsite fees for Bureau of Land Management vehicle accessible sites on the Lower Deschutes River will increase starting May 1, 2002. The current fee levels were set in 1997 with all fee revenues supporting the management of facilities along the river. The increase is needed to offset costs of site improvements and maintenance. Most of the drive-in recreation sites are being upgraded with fire rings.

Campsite fees vary depending on season and whether the site is an individual or group site. Site fees increase on peak use weekends, Friday and Saturday, from June 1 to September 15. The increase helps cover additional costs associated with necessary campsite monitoring and law enforcement. The fees for individual sites will increase from \$5 to \$8 for non-peak weekends and from \$10 to \$12 for peak weekends. Group sites will increase from \$15 to \$25 for non-peak weekends and from \$30 to \$35 for peak weekends.

“As land managers, we are reluctant to increase recreation fees for public lands facilities. However, in order to keep these sites up to an acceptable standard that meets public health concerns and safety, it is necessary for us to do so,” said Tom Mottl, Outdoor Recreation Planner with the Prineville Bureau of Land Management.

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